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Since 1971 Peace Over Violence has been dedicated to eliminating all forms of interpersonal violence and promoting healthy relationships and families. For the last 17 years, Peace Over Violence has held their annual Denim Day on a Wednesday in April. This year, Denim Day will be on April 27, 2016.

Denim Day draws attention to the fact that rape and sexual assault remain a serious issue in our society, and injurious attitudes about rape and sexual assault allow these crimes to persist and allow victim/survivors to be re-victimized. It was also instituted to call attention to false impressions and misinformation about rape and sexual assault; many in our society remain disturbingly uninformed about issues of assault and forcible rape.

The members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors strongly support the efforts of Peace Over Violence to educate persons in our community about the true impact of rape and sexual assault in Southern California.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE, THAT that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaim April 27, 2016 as Denim Day in Los Angeles County, and urges everyone to wear jeans and attend Denim Day observances in their area to help communicate the message there is "no excuse and never an invitation to rape."

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